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FARM SAFETY PLEDGE

In performing my patriotic duties as a member of the U. S. Crop Crops, I pledge to do my work on the farm in the way safest to myself, to my fellow workers, and to the livestock and equipment I use.

I will recognize that farm work represents the learning of a large number of separate skills.

I will ask the farmer how to do my job, to demonstrate the exact procedure to me, and then I will do it immediately under his supervision. I will ask him to inspect my work regularly to be sure I am doing it properly and safely.

I recognize that it is particularly important that I receive proper instruction in the handling of livestock and equipment.

I will familiarize myself with the rules of safe tractor and equipment operation.

I will help safeguard children.

I will be on the lookout for accident hazards and help to remove them.

I will not smoke in the barn, around gasoline, or in ripe grain or hay fields.

I know that serious injuries result from horseplay, "fooling," and so-called practical jokes, so I will not indulge in these forms of amusement.

(Signed) _____
(Your Name)

It is suggested that you sign this pledge and place it where it will be a constant reminder.



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SAFETY TIPS TO THE U. S. CROP CORPS



Be at ease. Ask to be assigned definite tasks for which you will be responsible.

The last seven words from the Bataan radio were, "The lack of food was our undoing." This was a break-down of transportation—not of food production. Food production must not be allowed to break down. Because the farm labor situation is so

critical and farm production so vital to the success of our military campaigns, you and your friends may be doing farm work with the U. S. Crop Corps this year. Every minute spent in the production of foods will be spent toward the preservation of our democratic liberties.

You'll find the farm or ranch a healthful place to work if you use common sense and don't take foolish chances. It is important that you avoid injury to yourself and damage to the almost irreplaceable machines you may operate. Injured workers become as useless as casualties on the battle front.

Before accepting farm employment, have a doctor check your health. Much farm work is strenuous. You'll need to be on the alert at all times, particularly if you are called upon to operate farm machinery.

On the farm, respect the sun. Get tanned as gradually as possible, as serious burns or heat exhaustion may result from overexposure. Drink plenty of cool water, but not ice cold. A teaspoonful of salt to each gallon of water will help replace the salts lost through excessive perspiration.

Farm work clothes must provide freedom of action, but loose, floppy clothes are entirely out of order; they're always catching in something. Wear the right kind of hat to protect you from the sun.

Before operating any machine, make sure you understand its operation. Mishandling of machines causes a large number of farm accidents—and deaths. During the war emergency many reclaimed machines will be used, increasing the hazards. Don't take chances with farm machines. Insist on proper instructions for safe handling.

Farm animals cause many accidents. They fear strangers. Watch out for their heels, and their heads too—even small calves butt hard. Milk cows from the

right side, usually harness a horse from the left. You can learn best and quickest by watching the farmer. His stock is familiar with his actions. Copy him. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Take no chances.

Minor cuts, bruises, and blisters, if not properly cared for, may become serious and cause costly loss of time. You're not a sissy because you take care of



Ask the farmer to show you exactly how to do things properly and safely. Watch him closely.



Try it yourself while the farmer watches to be sure you have learned.

minor injuries. You might even take a small first-aid kit with you. Ask someone connected with the American Red Cross what to take.

You may be called upon to do heavy work and to handle heavy objects. Even though you think you are as strong as a bull, look out for painful strains. Always let your leg muscles handle lifting jobs—not your back. Squat down to the job by bending your knees. Keep your back erect. If it is too heavy for you, get help. Only very foolish people tackle loads that are too big, just to "show off."

Get enough rest to keep you wide awake on the job. Well-spaced rest periods during the day will help maintain your efficiency at a higher level. Tired persons are most likely to have accidents.

If you ride to and from work in a car, a bus, or a truck, be sensible, and remember that horseplay might land you or another worker in the hospital.

You've got a big job to do. Your help in the field is support for the boys on the battle fronts. Don't let accidents eliminate your contribution.

Encourage the farmer to inspect your work regularly to be certain no mistakes have developed.

